

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD SUMMARY

Monday, January 29, 2001

HOUSE

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on January 30, 2001, at 2:00 p.m.

SENATE

Measures Introduced:

S. 194. *A bill to authorize funding for successful reentry of criminal offenders into local communities; to the Committee on the Judiciary.*

"...I am proud to introduce the "Offender Reentry and Community Safety Act of 2001," a bill I first introduced last July. The bill is also a part of S. 16, the Democrat's omnibus crime legislation..."

Biden

Pages S 636, S 638-43

See Page S 640: TITLE I--FEDERAL REENTRY DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS. SEC. 101. FEDERAL REENTRY CENTER DEMONSTRATION.

(c) Probation Officers.--From funds made available to carry out this Act, the Director of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts shall assign one or more probation officers from each participating judicial district to the Reentry Demonstration project. Such officers shall be assigned to and stationed at the community corrections facility and shall serve on the Reentry Review Teams...

S. 197. *A bill to provide for the disclosure of the collection of information through computer software, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.*

Edwards

Pages S 636, S 644-6

See Pages S 645-6: SEC. 2. COLLECTION OF INFORMATION BY COMPUTER SOFTWARE.

(e) Private Right of Action.--

(1) Actions authorized.--A person may, if otherwise permitted by the laws or rules of court of a State, bring in an appropriate Federal court, if such laws or rules prohibit such actions, either or both of the actions as follows:

(A) An action based on a violation of subsection (a) or (b) to enjoin such violation.

(B) An action to recover actual monetary loss for a violation of subsection (a) or (b) in an amount equal to the greater of--

(i) the amount of such actual monetary loss; or

(ii) \$2,500 for such violation, not to exceed a total amount of \$500,000...

S. 201. *A bill to require that Federal agencies be accountable for violations of antidiscrimination and whistleblower protection laws, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.*

Warner

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Measure Reported:

Special Report entitled "Report of the Committee on Governmental Affairs--United States Senate and its Subcommittees for the One Hundred Fifth Congress." (Senate Report No. 107-1)

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Nomination--Agreement:

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for consideration of John Ashcroft, of Missouri, to be Attorney General of the United States, on Tuesday, January 30, 2001.

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Nomination Received:

Senate received the following nomination:

John Ashcroft, of Missouri, to be Attorney General.

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Committee Meetings For Tuesday, January 30, 2001:

Committee on the Budget: @ 10:30 a.m. To hold hearings to examine the current state of the United States economy. SD-608.

Committee on the Judiciary: @ 2:30 p.m. Business meeting to consider the nomination of *John Ashcroft*, of Missouri, to be Attorney General. SD-226.

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Committee Meetings Scheduled:

Committee on the Budget, 1/31/01 @ 10:00 a.m. To hold hearings on the issues of the budget and the economic outlook of the United States. SD-608.

Committee on Governmental Affairs, 2/1/01 @ 10:00 a.m. Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring and the District of Columbia Subcommittee to hold hearings to examine the decision of the General Accounting Office to place strategic human capital management on GAO's "High-Risk" list of federal agencies and programs that are vulnerable to waste, fraud, abuse and mismanagement, including administrative and legislative solutions to the human capital crisis. SD-342.

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Remarks:

Nomination. (*John Ashcroft*)

Reid

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Nomination Of John Ashcroft.

*"... Senator Ashcroft repeatedly declined to show the slightest remorse for his appearance at Bob Jones University, for the enthusiastically supportive interview he gave with a pro-confederate magazine, Southern Partisan, and for some of the most inflammatory language I have heard about the **Federal judiciary** since the bitter and violent days of the civil rights movement. [] John Ashcroft has engaged in a pattern of using inflammatory and intemperate language to question the authority and legitimacy of the **United States Supreme Court and lower federal courts** in a way that raises serious concern in my mind about his suitability for the job of Attorney General and whether he is the appropriate role model for the job of the Nation's chief law enforcer. Worse, while sworn to uphold the Constitution, he has backed up his words and disrespect for Supreme Court precedent by sponsoring legislation both in Missouri and in the U.S. Senate that is patently unconstitutional..."*

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Nomination Of John Ashcroft.

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Next SENATE MEETING: Tuesday, 10:00 a.m., January 30, 2001.

Next HOUSE MEETING: Tuesday, 2:00 p.m., January 30, 2001.

OLA: S. Smith, J. Homanich